

Good Morning Michigan House Judiciary Committee member:

Please accept this a written testimony for the meeting Wednesday May 13, 2020.

Regarding the house SOR law adjustments under consideration - HB 5679.

Research shows SOR is BAD law and you can change that.

Please make appropriate changes before moving forward.

HB 5679 is NOT the good changes needed.

I am writing to tell you the story of my son.

He will be getting out of prison next year after 7 years in prison for looking at Child Porn pictures on the internet.

He was Magna Cum Laude Kettering University Engineering Grad

He was inducted into two honorary societies.

He worked for GM for 8 years, had three patents and two promotions.

He owned his own home with a perfect credit rating.

He paid Michigan income taxes, sales tax, and property taxes.

He did not use drugs and in fact, did not drink.

Yes, he committed a crime and deserved his prison term.

But he does not deserve to serve a second term of SOR punishment.

Because now, when he comes home the BAD SOR law will limit where he can live, where he can go, where he can work, where he can travel.

This SOR law is a double punishment.

And in his case, this is a waste of talent and education.

He needs a fair chance to be a contributing, tax paying, member of society again.

You MUST,

Shorten the time on the registry - 5 years is plenty to prove no recidivism.

Eliminate the safe zones around schools - research has proven them useless.

Sincerely,

Kate Holbert